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SUBJECT: AGREED NUCLEAR ENERGY AND NON-PROLIFERATION
PRINCIPLES

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1. FOLLOWING ARE NUCLEAR ENERGY AND NON-PROLIFERATION PRIN-
CIPLES AGREED AD REFERENDUM IN RECENT TALKS AND SUMMARIZED
PARA. 1 REFTEL. AS NOTED REFTEL, EXISTENCE OF THESE
PRINCIPLESSHOULD NOT BE REFERRED TO IN ANY DISCUSSIONS
WITH PRESS. QUOTE:

A. THE UNITED STATES RECOGNIZES THE IMPORTANCE OF THE
DEVELOPMENT OF NUCLEAR ENERGY TO THE ENERGY SECURITY AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF JAPAN. ACCORDINGLY, THE UNITED
STATES STRONGLY SUPPORTS CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT OF PEACE-
FUL USES OF NUCLEAR ENERGY IN JAPAN AND AFFIRMS ITS COMMIT-
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MENT NOT TO JEOPARDIZE JAPAN'S LONG-TERM NUCLEAR ENERGY
STRATEGY, INCLUDING ITS BREEDER RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAM. ADDITIONALLY, THE UNITED STATES WILL SEEK TO
WORK WITH JAPAN AND OTHER COUNTRIES IN ESTABLISHING ARRANGE-
MENTS FOR ASSURED SUPPLIES OF URANIUM ORE AND LOW ENRICHED

URANIUM. THE UNITED STATES REAFFIRMS THAT IT HAS NO

INTENTION OF DISCRIMINATING AGAINST JAPAN IN THE PEACEFUL
USES OF NUCLEAR ENERGY.

B. JAPAN FULLY SUPPORTS AND OFFERS TO COOPERATE CLOSELY
WITH THE UNITED STATES AND OTHER INTERESTED NATIONS IN
INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS TO EVALUATE THE NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE.
SHE SHARES THE CONCERNS OF THE UNITED STATES REGARDING
THE NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION RISKS STEMMING FROM THE UTILI-
ZATION OF PLUTONIUM. JAPAN HOLDS THE VIEW THAT THE
PLUTONIUM RECYCLING IN LIGHT WATER REACTORS COULD BE A
USEFUL TECHNOLOGICAL OPTION FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF
LONG-TERM RESOURCE CONSERVATION IF IT CAN BE MADE
SUFFICIENTLY PROLIFERATION RESISTANT. SHE AGREES THAT
WE SHOULD STRIVE FOR FUEL CYCLES THAT ARE AS PROLIFERATION
RESISTANT AS THE ONCE-THROUGH FUEL CYCLE. MOREOVER, SHE
TAKES DUE NOTE OF THE FACTORS UNDERLYING THE UNITED STATES
CONCLUSION THAT SUCH RECYCLING IS NEITHER ECONOMICALLY
JUSTIFIED NOR NECESSARY. SHE ALSO IS OF THE VIEW THAT
PLUTONIUM RECYCLING IN LIGHT WATER REACTORS, WHICH IS AT
PRESENT IN THE STAGE OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT, IS NOT
YET READY FOR COMMERCIALIZATION.

C. THE OPERATION OF THE TOKAI FACILITY USING US ORIGIN
FUEL WILL BE WORKED OUT IN THE CONTEXT OF THE ABOVE PRIN-
CIPLES. A SOLUTION, BASED ON CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN
JAPANESE AND US EXPERTS, WILL BE SOUGHT WHEREBY THE TOKAI
PLANT IS OPERATED INITIALLY IN A MANNER THAT WOULD PROVIDE
NEW INFORMATION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL FUEL CYCLE EVALUA-
TION PROGRAM. SPECIFICALLY, SUCH PROCESSING WILL BE
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DEFINED IN A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE WAY, TAKING ACCOUNT OF
TECHNICAL, COST AND TIMING CONSIDERATIONS. THE US AND
JAPAN WILL PROMPTLY EXPLORE THE FEASIBILITY AND IMPLICA-
TIONS OF APPROACHES TO MINIMIZE PROLIFERATION DANGER.
THE ACTUAL MODE OF OPERATING THE TOKAI FACILITY WILL BE
DETERMINED BASED ON SUCH EXPLORATIONS. UNQUOTE. VANCE

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